



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Bice, et al.	:	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
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Title:	AUTOMATED MESSAGE HANDLING SYSTEM AND PROCESS	:		

**PETITION FOR TWO  
MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" dated August 8, 2001, having a two-month shortened statutory period for response expiring October 8, 2001, by two months up to and including December 8, 2001. A check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the petition fee is transmitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the enclosed amount or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

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